

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2013
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Tom Ward. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on August 22, 2013.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Jason Falck led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Kaitlin Brueggen recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Tom Ward, Jason Falck, and Ken Schlimgen. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan (7:45), Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Kaitlin Brueggen and Zachary Lang. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Scott Scafe.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Zachary Lang reported on:

1. The high school soccer team has started competing and is currently 3-0.
2. Laptops will be distributed on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. High school volleyball practices and tryouts started last week. There will be a scrimmage in Eau Claire on August 24.
2. The high school Link Crew for freshman orientation will be on August 27 for activities, breakout sessions and tour of the high school.

Correspondence

A thank you card from the family of Peter Mahlum, father of Debbie Tourville, was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mrs. Halverson reported that the committee met tonight and at the next board meeting policies will be brought up for first reading and for elimination.

CESA #4 Report – Mr. Ward reported that the committee met and discussed the following: Educator Effectiveness training, compensation models, Washburn Academy; school psychologists, and speech and language therapist shortages.

Supervisor reports from Scott Johnson, Bill Solsrud, Davita Molling, Rick Kline, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson also shared an update on the County Road OA construction, in-town busing, and calendar discussions.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to approve three of the five student open enrollment requests. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept the donation to the School Nutrition Department from the La Crosse Community Foundation/Jim's Grocery Bag. Motion carried unanimously.

Swimming Pool Director Brenna McGuire gave a review of the 2013 pool season. Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to set the following: daily admission fees-Through 8th Grade 1.50, High School (9-12) 2.00, Adult 2.00, and Waders (Accompanied by Parent) 1.00; to increase the Single High School/Adult Pass to \$50 and to keep the Family Pass at \$65. Motion carried unanimously.

District residents, friends, teachers and coaches: Chuck Ihle, Jamie Olson, Sean Gavighan, Jon Lewis and Jim Allen spoke on behalf of, and to request that the field be named after West Salem High School Graduate Damian Miller. Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to name the West Salem High School baseball field –Damian Miller Field. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson and Mr. Helgeson shared information regarding the Long Range Facilities Committee meeting that was held on August 19, 2013. The architects from StruXture will be holding public meetings.

Mr. Gunderson gave an update and shared information received from La Crosse County regarding the county land purchase/Lakeview facility.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the resignation of Elementary Teacher Michelle Powell. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to hire part-time food service staff Rosalie O'Connell and Lucy Gray and Elementary Teacher Jennifer Perz, pending release from her current teaching contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to hire the following high school volunteer coaches: football-Ryan Tracy, Matt Gorniak, Tony Juen, Kevin Dreyer, Myron Hole, and Dieter Antoni; boys' soccer-Jason Falck, Tom Halverson and Aric Tourville; cross country-Brandon Gaethke; and tennis-Todd Seitz. Motion carried. (5-Aye, 1-Abstain)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to send a letter to the village to request enforcement of fire lane restrictions. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties" regarding the purchase of county land; (b) "Considering dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of any public employee", regarding the performance of a support staff employee.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:26 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk